



Department of Communities (Housing) COVID-19 Policy

Purpose

The Department of Communities (Housing) has established operational policies to guide decision making for public housing assistance.

Scope

This policy outlines the Department of Communities (Housing) response to COVID-19 that deviates from the existing published policies.

Policy Statements

1. Eligibility Relating to the Income of Applicants

All State or Federal one-off payments in response to COVID-19 will not be included in eligibility assessments.

All State or Federal increases to statutory payments effective until the end of 2020 in response to COVID-19 will not be included in eligibility assessments.

2. Rent to Income

All State or Federal one-off payments in response to COVID-19 will not be included as assessable income used for rent calculation purposes.

All State or Federal increases to statutory payments effective until the end of 2020 in response to COVID-19 will not be included as assessable income used for rent calculation purposes.

3. Bond Assistance Loans

All State or Federal one-off payments in response to COVID-19 will not be included in eligibility assessments.

All State or Federal increases to statutory payments effective until the end of 2020 in response to COVID-19 will not be included in eligibility assessments.

Related Policies

This policy is to be read in conjunction with the following existing policies:

- Housing Authority Rental Policy Manual
 - Eligibility Relating to the Income of Applicants
 - Rent to Income Policy
- Bond Assistance Loan Policy

Related Legislation

- Housing Act 1980
- Residential Tenancies Act 1987
- Residential Tenancies Regulations 1989

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